

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this amendment, which amends claim 21, and adds new claims 22-24, claims 21-24 will be pending. In the advisory action mailed 12/28/06, the amendment to claim 21, lines 6-9 was stated as raising 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph, due to the "at least one of" clause. The advisory action stated that it is not readily clear from the application's drawing, e.g., fig. 4A, and from the specification, pars. 85-88, if one node in the inner box is manifested in the drawings.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the Interview conducted on February 10, 2006. During the Interview, claim 21, the specification, and the drawings were discussed. Specifically it was discussed that a flowgraph may include one node in the inner box. As requested by the Examiner, a possible definition of a flowgraph is provided by Wikipedia, which states that a graph includes a set of objects connected by links. A person skilled in the art will appreciate that a flow graph includes a plurality of nodes. Although the above definition is cited, it will be understood that embodiments of the present invention should not be limited to this definition.

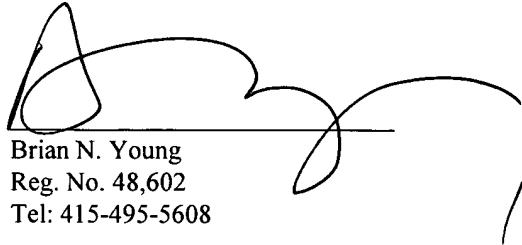
The flowgraph, as claimed, may include at least one node in the inner box. If only one node is included in the inner box, then another node may be included in the portion of the display that is off-screen. Although fig. 4A shows nodes 316, 318, 320, 322, and 324 as being in inner box 314, the description clearly supports at least one node being in inner box 314. Further, it is noted that fig. 4A is shown as an example and is not intended to limit the claims as such. Further, Applicants submit that claim 1 should not be limited to the example of having just one node in the inner box and one node in the portion of the display that is off-screen. Rather, any number (e.g., 0-n) of nodes may be found in the inner box and any number of nodes (e.g., 0-n) may be found in the portion of the display off-screen as long as the flowgraph includes a plurality of nodes.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1 does not raise 35 U.S.C. §112 issues. Claims 22-23 depend from claim 1 and thus derive patentability at least therefrom.

Also, Applicants submit that new claim 25 is allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-495-5608.

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